(c) to (f) Enterprise specific steps are being taken by the concerned Administrative Ministries/Departments/Management of the CPSEs from time to time to improve their performance which is a continuous process. Disinvestment of non-strategic CPSEs, according to the declared policy of the Government, is one of the ways of improving the profitability of CPSEs. Some of the other steps taken include managerial and financial restructuring, upgradation of technology, modernization of plants and machinery, cost control measures, rationalization of manpower, improved marketing strategies formation of Joint Ventures etc. as the case may be.

Government's control over prices of Maruti cars

32. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are in a position to exercise any influence/control over price of the cars after disinvestment of Maruti Udyog Ltd. (MUL); and

(b) if not, what protection is available to consumers buying cars etc. from the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) Automobile industry is a delicensed industry and the manufacturers including Maruti Udyog Limited (MUL) are free to fix the price of their products based on commercial considerations and market forces which act as a mechanism to protect the interest of consumer.

Demand for appointment of Judicial Officer to examine writings on Gujarat violence

33. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Editors Guild of India has demanded the appointment of Judicial Officer to examine the writings of those sections of the media which the Guild alleged incited violence and spread hatred in Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether they have recommended action against them; and

(c) by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The Editors Guild has suggested that a high judicial officer be appointed by the Government to examine the writings of those sections of the media that are *prima facie* in flagrant violation of the low and recommend what action, if any, should be taken against them.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Such issues are to be dealt with by the Press Council of India, which is at present headed by a retired Supreme Court Judge. The Press Council of India is responsible for maintenance of high standards and encouraging the growth of a sense of responsibility and public service among the media. The Council may also, if it is satisfied that it is necessary to do so, warn, admonish or censure any newspaper, agency, editor or journalist in cases where it feels that standards of journalistic ethics or public taste have been offended or a professional misconduct has been committed.

Reduction in licence fee for the FM Radio private operators

34. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether acting on Comptroller and Auditor General of India report. Government are examining the reasons for reduction in the licence fee for the Frequency Modulation Radio private operators, resulting in revenue loss worth Rs. 17.79 crores to Government;

(b) if so, whether after the scrutiny, the Ministry has handed over the case to the CBI to punish the guilty officials allegedly involved in the case;

(c) whether all the highlighted case by the CAG in this regard have been fully considered by Government; and

(d) if so, the action taken against those held responsible?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The subject matter relates to a decision which was first taken in 1993 and the observations of C and AG are contained in the Report No. 2 of 2002 (Civil), which has been received recently. Action as deemed appropriate can be considered only after full examination of the old records and circumstances then obtaining.

Loss suffered by AIR

35. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Radio has suffered a loss of Rs. 22 crore from the last year's revenue of Rs. 637 crore;